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**Subject:** MLPA

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To Whom It May Concern:

Based on the fact that the MLPA initiative was passed yesterday, April 13, 2007, I fear that this plea will fall upon deaf ears. Regardless, I am compelled to voice my feelings on what I consider to be a monumental failing of a governmental regulatory agency. I cannot help but believe that this proposal is fueled by political influence as opposed to sound scientific evidence.

In my countless discussions with friends, colleagues, and family, I have easily concluded that the line that has been drawn in this matter resides between those who fish and those who do not. Naïve, apparently, are we fishermen who believed that the California Department of Fish and Game, whose operations are funded primarily by our existence, would stand up for the rights of it's constituents which enable it's existence.

As a lifelong resident of California, I ask you to reconsider any potential permanent closures of offshore fishing along the Central Coast. While I support the responsibility of the California Department of Fish and Game to preserve ALL species of wildlife and habitat that reside in our state, it is my belief that our government agencies can work together to ensure their protection and long-term survival in conjunction with assuring their accessibility to our residents and future fishermen.

In addition, I ask that you please consider any alternative measures that satisfy all scientific requirements necessary for habitat and species preservation, but that also maintain a respectable level of fishing access.

I was introduced to fishing off the Central Coast by my father at the age of 10. He began fishing in the Pacific Ocean as a small boy, also with his father. Over the 22 years I have experienced fishing offshore in Central California, I have witnessed countless alterations to our fishing regulations. Like an overwhelming majority of anglers enjoying these waters, I consistently and respectfully abide by these rules with a profound trust in the Department's ability to create sound and scientific measures for preservation. **However, it is my fear that a permanent closure would eliminate the most fundamental reason for preservation itself: for the enjoyment of our citizens as they deem fit, under the guidance of the law.**

With your help, I, like countless other citizens, will be able to pass on a strong family tradition to my children. Please do not let the failures of generations past irreversibly and negatively impact a great American tradition for generations present and future.

Because of my consistent exposure to the changing Central Coast fisheries habitat, I am well aware that more aggressive preservation measures are required. Again, I support a proposal that would meet any and all scientific requirements necessary for preservation without permanent closure to fishing access.

Sincerely,

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